

## MINUTES

### NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTS

September 11, 2014

#### Public Session

#### I CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board was called to order at 9:15 am in the Union Conference Room on the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) floor at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey. Board President Netta opened the meeting with a moment of silence in remembrance of the 9/11 victims and their families.

PARTICIPANTS		PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
President	Nicholas J. Netta, RA	(X)	( )	( )
Vice President	Richard Picatagi, LLA	(X)	( )	( )
Board Member	Obiora Agudosi, RA	(X)	( )	( )
Board Member	Diane Goté, CID	(X)	( )	( )
Board Member	Kishor Y Joshi, RA	(X)	( )	( )
Board Member	Arthur F Margiotta, RA	(X)	( )	( )
Board Member	Louis J Mraw	(X)	( )	( )
	Government Member			
Board Member	Michael G. Soriano, RA	(X)	( )	( )
Board Member	Albert Zacccone, RA	(X)	( )	( )
Board Member	Architect Member			
Board Member	Landscape Architect Member			
Board Member	Vacant - Public Member			
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**OTHERS PRESENT:** B. Michelle Albertson, Deputy Attorney General; Charles Kirk, Acting Executive Director of the Board of Architects; and Margaret Hinkley, Secretary to Executive Director of the Board of Architects; Joseph Abello III of the Board of Architects; and Martha Richardson staff member of the Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Elizabeth Greenblatt, Regulatory Analyst, Division of Consumer Affairs

#### II OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

The statement required by Chapter 231, public laws of 1975, the "Open Public Meetings Act," was read and it was announced that notice of this meeting was prepared in the office of the Board of Architects and mailed to the Secretary of State, the Newark *Star-Ledger*, the Trenton *Times*, the Camden *Courier-Post*, the *Record* and the Atlantic City *Press*.

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**III APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*July 10, 2014*

Editorial correction was made to page 2 under announcements

**ACTION:** Mr. Soriano motioned to approve of the minutes as corrected. Mr. Zaccone seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

**IV ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Kirk informed the Board that the Design Build legislation (A-1332) was re-introduced into the 2014-2015 legislative session as A2009 on January 16, 2014, and was referred to the Assembly State and Local Government Committee.

Mr. Kirk informed the Board that the Good Samaritan Bill was signed into law.

The Joint Committee of Architects & Engineers meeting has been scheduled for October 21, 2014 and only one member from each board plus the gubernatorial member will need to be present. Mr. Soriano will attend on behalf of the Architects Board.

**V OLD BUSINESS**

**A Regulations**

**1 Site Plan Rule**

On July 10, 2014 the Board was informed that the proposed amendments to the Site Plan Rule N.J.A.C. 13:27-7.3 was published in the June 16, 2014 edition of the *New Jersey Register*. Comment period ends August 15, 2014.

9/11/14 Elizabeth Greenblatt, Regulatory Analyst, was present to discuss the two comments received pertaining to the Site Plan Rule proposed amendments.

**ACTION:** Mr. Picatagi motioned to adopt the site plan rule as proposed. Mr. Zaccone seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

**2 Military Veterans regulation**

**ACTION:** Ms. Greenblatt informed the Board that the Governor has signed the proposed regulations pertaining to Military Veterans and the regulations are set for publication in the *New Jersey Register* on October 20th.

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**B** Previously closed disciplinary matter

ITEM NO. 88654

A. Zaccone

Respondent/s: PIMPAO, Edmund J. - AI011401

Architectus, LLC - no COA

On May 9, 2013, the Board unanimously voted to issue the settlement letter with the addition of Mr. Pimpao to take two 3-credit college ethics course. On June 12<sup>th</sup>, the Board reviewed a copy of the signed settlement letter from Mr. Pimpao; a copy of the Board's May 23<sup>rd</sup> letter regarding the ethics course he needs to complete; and copies of certificates of completion from Mr. Pimpao. The Board tabled this matter until the next meeting. On July 10<sup>th</sup>, the Board reviewed a copy of the signed settlement letter from Mr. Pimpao; a copy of the Board's May 23<sup>rd</sup> letter regarding the ethics course he needs to complete; and copies of certificates of completion from Mr. Pimpao. After some discussion, the Board unanimously voted to advise Mr. Pimpao that the courses he took were denied and did not satisfy the requirement in the settlement letter. Advise him that he has 30 days to provide proof that he has signed up for two (2) three-credit college courses on ethics.

9/11/14 Mr. Pimpao faxed two courses for the Board's review and acceptance.

**ACTION:** Mr. Zaccone motioned to send a letter to Mr. Pimpao advising that the professional practice course was accepted by the Board. However, the Construction Management course was not approved and he needs to submit an additional course for board approval to comply with the settlement letter. Mr. Soriano seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

**VI NEW BUSINESS**

**A** Landscape Architect Continuing Education Course review report

**APPROVE**

Understanding Soils: The Foundation for Success offered by the Connecticut ASLA - 5 hours

Procedure of and Results Interpretation for ASTM 1781-13 Standard Test Method for Surface Infiltration Rate Permeable Unit Pavement - September 16, 2014 offered by Daniel Moreland - 1 hour

MAC URISA 2014 Conference October 22 through 24, 2014 - 4 hrs for 10/23 and 3 hrs for 10/24/14

Practical Site Engineering: Science and Techniques, November 20, 2014 - 7 hours  
NJ Stormwater Management 2014 - 6 hours

2015 NJ ASLA Annual Meeting - January 25 to 27, 2015 - total 15 hrs (4 hrs for January 25, 6 hrs for January 26 and 5 hrs for January 27th)

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The following were part of the Future Green Trends Workshop:

- Solar Energy Systems: Integrated Systems Landscape and Planning Application - 2 hours
- Integrated Green Infrastructure - 2 hours
- Green Materials 101 - 2 hours
- Blue Roofs and Stormwater Management - 1 hour
- Effective Application of Segmental Concrete Hardscapes for LEED - 1 hour

The following are offered by Gibney Design Group:

- Bare Root Tree Planting Basics and Two Alternate Methods - 1 hour
- Cultivars and Clones - Crabapples and Flowering Plum - 1 hour
- Cultivars of Three North American Trees - 1 hour
- Fertilizer Myths, Probiotics and Soil pH - 1 hour
- Tree Preservation, Diversification and Sustainability - 1 hour
- Pruning Basics, Tree Truths and Mulch Myths - 1 hour
- All about Urban Soils - 1 hour
- All About Root Damage - 1 hour
- About Urban Tree Planting - 1 hour
- About Root Development - 1 hour
- Planning for Urban Trees - 1 hour

**ACTION:** Mr. Picatagi motioned to approve the above course as noted. Mr. Zacccone seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

**B Correspondence**

- 1 Copy of an e-mail dated June 23, 2014 from Kathy Hillegas of NCARB requesting Member Board Comments on proposed changes to the Intern Development Program (IDP), the Broadly Experienced Architect Program (BEA) and the Broadly Experienced Foreign Architect Program (BEFA) is attached for Board review.

**ACTION:** The Board discussed this matter and agrees with the idea of IDP experience focuses on the practice of architecture which ties into the ARE 5.0. However, New Jersey applicants would still need to comply with three (3) years of experience for applicants to take the ARE examination as well as applicants for licensure, who hold an NCARB Certificate.

- 2 Attached is a copy of a Position Paper that the Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design recently sent to NCARB regarding the proposed changes to the IDP that were discussed at the recent Annual Meeting in Philadelphia. The Florida Board wanted to share their opinion regarding the proposed changes, in the hopes that there may be a consensus regarding the proposal to limit the "Work Settings" to only those hours accrued in the current "Work Setting A". The reasoning behind this proposal is outlined in the paper.

**ACTION:** Duly noted.

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C Interior Design Examination and Evaluation Committee

September 9, 2013 minutes

**ACTION:** Ms. Goté motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Zacccone seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

January 6, 2014 minutes

**ACTION:** Ms. Goté motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Zacccone seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

D Information

Attached is a copy of a September 3, 2014 memo from Division of Consumer Affairs Acting Director Steve Lee regarding the budget for the fiscal year 2015 for board information.

**ACTION:** Executive Director Kirk informed the Board that Darlene Kane would attend the next meeting to discuss this with the Board.

**VII REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS**

**A. Applications for Licensure by Credentials**

The following individuals have applied for licensure by credentials, have met board requirements and are recommended for licensure:

\* - NCARB Council Record Holder

Brian Linc\*  
Yutaka Takiura\*  
William Walker\*  
Chin, Ting\*  
Craig Dishner\*  
Aguilera, Diego B  
Brennan, Bethany A\*  
Bruce Tolar\*  
Ronald Sullivan\*  
Murat Mutiu\*  
Jepsen, Robert P\*  
David Thom\*

Anton Germishuizen\*  
Susan Reinhold\*  
Erick Westerholm\*  
Coleman, Michael D\*  
Brian Michener\*  
Barlow, Stephen L  
Bae, Sang-Joon\*  
Jennifer Cordes\*  
Walter Schamu\*  
David Woodward\*  
Badolato, Matthew  
Bruce Abugov\*

Carsten Voecker\*  
Bharath Ramamoorthy\*  
Krutee Shah\*  
Crane, Robert C\*  
Steven Tomassetti\*  
Allen, Mark H\*  
Jonathan Ninnis\*  
Mary Dempsey-Lau  
Richard Simon\*  
Rohn Price\*  
William Spade

**ACTION:** Mr. Margiotta motioned to approve the above individuals for licensure by credentials. Mr. Joshi seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

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**B. Applications for Examination**

The following applicant/s applied for admission to the Architectural Registration Examination and are recommended by staff:

Angelica Arent

Alexander N Merlucci

Wael E Sobh - PE

Therese V Garlewicz

Kimberly R Wentzel

Paul F Koziol

Sean J Van

**ACTION:** Mr. Margiotta motioned to approve the above individuals to take the ARE Examination. Mr. Joshi seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

**BOARD REVIEWED**

Alexis M Breining+ - On July 10, 2014, subsequent to reviewing the information, the Board determined to request additional information from Ms. Breining.

**ACTION:** Subsequent to reviewing the information, Mr. Zacccone motioned to approve Ms. Breining to take the ARE Examination. Mr. Soriano seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

**C Licensure by Examination**

The following applicant/s have completed all Divisions of the Architectural Registration Examination and are submitted to the Board for licensure:

Troy W Harris

Heather L Wilk

Michael C Torres

**ACTION:** Mr. Margiotta motioned to approve the above individuals for licensure inasmuch as they have completed the Architectural Registration Examination. Mr. Zacccone seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

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**D Certificate/s of Authorization**

- 1 JOSEPH A CECCO, AIA LLC** **Architecture**  
14 Broad Street  
Norwood NJ 07648

Responsible Architect: Joseph A Cecco - License #AI05895

Summary: This application for a Certificate of Authorization to offer architectural services only is submitted by a New Jersey licensed architect who owns 100% of the shares. This application appears to comply with statutory requirements. **NOTE:** Annual report not submitted with application.

- 2 STRADA ARCHITECTURE LLC** **Architecture**  
925 Liberty Avenue  
Pittsburgh PA 15222

Responsible Architect: Alan Jesse Cueri - License #AI09811

Summary: This application for a Certificate of Authorization to offer architectural services only is submitted by seven New Jersey licensed architects and a licensed landscape architect who owns 100% of the shares. This application appears to comply with statutory requirements.

- 3 TEN 10 ARCHITECTURE, LLC** **Architecture**  
269 Raft Avenue  
Manahawkin NJ 08050

Responsible Architect: Daniel P Wheaton - License #AI018946

Summary: This application for a Certificate of Authorization to offer architectural services only is submitted by a New Jersey licensed architect who owns 99% of the shares in business with an unlicensed individual who owns 1% of the shares. This application appears to comply with statutory requirements.

- 4 CP ARCHITECTURE, LLC** **Architecture+**  
35 Sparta Avenue  
Sparta NJ 07871

Responsible Architect: Carroll J Oliva - License #AI06159

Summary: This application for a Certificate of Authorization to offer architectural and closely allied professional services is submitted by a New Jersey licensed architect/engineer and two professional engineers who own 66.67% of the shares in business with two unlicensed individuals who own 33.33% of the shares. This application appears to comply with statutory requirements.

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**5 MIMAR DESIGN STUDIO LLC**

**Architecture**

2467 Route 10 - Apt 30-2A  
Morris Plains NJ 07950

Responsible Architect: Fouzia Sultana - License #AI018329

Summary: This application for a Certificate of Authorization to offer architectural services only is submitted by a New Jersey licensed architect who owns 100% of the shares. This application appears to comply with statutory requirements.

**6 RONICA A BREGENZER, ARCHITECT LLC**

**Architecture**

8 Stockton Street  
Princeton NJ 08540

Responsible Architect: Ronica A Bregenzer - License #AI011351

Summary: This application for a Certificate of Authorization to offer architectural services only is submitted by a New Jersey licensed architect who owns 100% of the shares. This application appears to comply with statutory requirements.

**ACTION:** Mr. Margiotta motioned to issue a Certificates of Authorization to the above six firms. Mr. Joshi seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

**7 STUDIO TAGLAND DESIGN LLC**

**Architecture**

3 W Delaware Avenue  
Long Beach Twp NJ 08008

Responsible Architect: David A Gaffin - License #AI015796

Summary: This application for a Certificate of Authorization to offer architectural services only is submitted by a New Jersey licensed architect who owns 67% of the shares in business with an unlicensed individual who owns 33% of the shares. This application appears to comply with statutory requirements.

**ACTION:** This application was tabled for discussion in executive session. Subsequent to discussion, Mr. Margiotta motioned to issue a Certificates of Authorization to Studio Tagland Design LLC. Mr. Joshi seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.



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**VIII LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT APPLICATION REVIEW**

**A Licensure without examination:**

The following individuals submit completed applications for licensure without examination and are recommended for licensure.

\* - CLARB Council Record Holder

Sanger, Sean T.\*

**ACTION:** Mr. Picatagi motioned to license Mr. Sanger inasmuch as he has complied with the requirements for licensure. Mr. Joshi seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

**B Initial Licensure by examination: LARE taken**

The following individual has submitted a completed application for licensure inasmuch he/she has already completed the Landscape Architect Registration Examination (LARE) and is recommended for licensure.

\* - CLARB Council Record Holder

Lahoda, Jonathan

**ACTION:** Mr. Picatagi motioned to license Mr. Lahoda inasmuch as he has complied with the requirements for licensure. Mr. Zacccone seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

**C Certificate/s of Authorization**

The following firm submits a completed application for a Certificate of Authorization and is recommended for approval.

**GANFLEC ARCHITECTS & ENGINEERS, INC**

**Landscape Architecture**

207 Senate Avenue

Camp Hill PA 17011

Responsible Landscape Architect: John R Futey II - License #AS001174

**ACTION:** Mr. Picatagi motioned to issue a Certificate of Authorization to above firm. Mr. Joshi seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

**IX PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Seeing no one present from the public, Mr. Netta proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

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**X      CLOSED CASES**

The Board closed the following case at today's meeting:

ITEM NO. 97997 - KACMARSKY, Ronald - AI013972

**XI     EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Ms. Goté motioned to go into executive session for the purposes of reviewing the minutes and other items on the executive session. Mr. Zacccone seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

**XII    NEXT MEETINGS**

October 9, 2014	Regular Meeting	Union Room - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
Investigative inquiry with the respondent pertaining to ITEM No. 96755 @ 11am		

November 13, 2014	Regular Meeting	Union Room - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
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**XIII   ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2pm